

## 1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, School safety is an issue of increasing concern  
3 for staff and students of all schools; and

4 WHEREAS, Students are often the first and most aware of  
5 impending problems in regard to school safety; and

6 WHEREAS, Students are more likely to accept  
7 responsibility for school safety if they are involved and  
8 their views are represented; and

9 WHEREAS, Students have the most at stake in keeping  
10 schools safe; and

11 WHEREAS, The Student Advisory Council to the State Board  
12 of Education has established a Student School Safety Audit to  
13 assess student perceptions of the presence or absence of  
14 safety and security measures in their schools and to  
15 encourage discussion on the topic; and

16 WHEREAS, Using the Student School Safety Audit will cue  
17 students as to the characteristics of safe schools; ensure  
18 meaningful student input into school safety and security  
19 policies and programs; enlist student support and  
20 responsibility for safer schools; encourage schools to  
21 develop, update, and communicate their safety programs to  
22 staff and students as appropriate; and provide bases for  
23 safety and security needs assessments; and

24 WHEREAS, The Student School Safety Audit is specifically  
25 designed to structure discussions in focus groups and  
26 classes, guide school safety committees in seeking out  
27 student views and input, and serve as a survey instrument for  
28 groups and individuals; and

29 WHEREAS, The instruments in the Student School Safety  
30 Audit are designed for students but are equally appropriate

1 for adults, including parents, teachers, administrators,  
2 support staff, police, and security officers, for purposes of  
3 assessing needs and planning; therefore be it

4 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
5 NINETY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that  
6 we urge schools to use the Student School Safety Audit as  
7 much as they deem appropriate for their schools; and be it  
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That we urge schools to conduct the audit  
10 periodically as school safety is a continually changing  
11 process; and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That we remind schools that an audit should  
13 lead to action through systematic needs assessment, policy  
14 and program development, evaluation, planning, and training;  
15 and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the audit be instructional, serving as an  
17 educational resource for those who participate, and that  
18 findings and recommendations will be shared as deemed  
19 appropriate; and be it further

20 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be  
21 delivered to the State Superintendent of Education, as well  
22 as all Illinois superintendents and principals.